# Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Washington, D. C., June 22nd, 1888.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended March 31, 1888, have been examined in this Bureau and approved, except as hereinafter noted, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for settlement.

I have recommended that the sum of 26 cents be disallowed on account of overpayment on silver purchase, assay No 884, and that the sum of 29 cents be disallowed on account of overpayment in silver purchase No 887. Also that the sum of 68 cents be disallowed in the bills for shipment of silver dollars, being an overpayment in the shipment to Wilcox, Pennsylvania. In your accounts for the current quarter you will credit Parting and Refining and debit your Coin Account with the sum of 55 cents, and you will credit your silver profit fund account and debit your silver coin account with 68 cents.

Referring to your communication of the 20th instant relating to these accounts, in reply to my letter of the 12te instant, you are in-

formed that a melting charge should be imposed on all gold deposits from the small assay offices whenever a separate melt is made. There does not seem to be any uniformity in this respect at nour mint. For instance, take the deposit of December 30th, receipt No 2070, and assay Nos 2485-2489, you have imposed a melting charge on the last deposit, No 2489, but no charge on the first four.

Whenever a separate melt is required a melting charge should be imposed, and it is presumed that when a separate assay is made the deposit must have been melted before the assay.

As the small assay offices collect a charge of $1.00 on each deposit for melting, there is no reason why the same charge should not be imposed on each one of their bars which require melting.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint.

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I have recommended that the sum of 26 cents be disallowed on account of overpayment of silver purchase, assay No. ~~664~~ (Shd. be A & R #4), and that the sum of 29 cents be disallowed on account of overpayment in silver purchase No. 667 (Shd. be A & R #7). Also that the sum of 68 cents be disallowed in the bills for shipment of silver dollars, being an overpayment in the shipment to Wilcox, Pennsylvania. In your accounts for the current quarter you will credit Parting and Refining and debit your Coin Accounts with the sum of 55 cents, and you will credit your "silver profit fund" account and debit your "silver coin" account with 68 cents.

Referring to your communication of the 20th instant relating to these accounts, in reply to my letter of the 12th instant, you are informed that a melting charge should be imposed on all gold deposits from the small assay offices whenever a separate melt is made. There does not seems to be any uniformity in this respect at your mint. For instance, take the deposit of December 30th, receipt No. 2070, and assay Nos. 2485-2489, you have imposed a melting charge on the last deposit, No. 2489, but no charge on the first four.

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Respectfully yours,
James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.